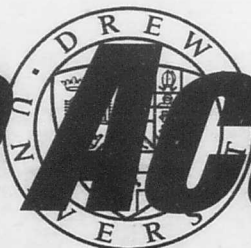


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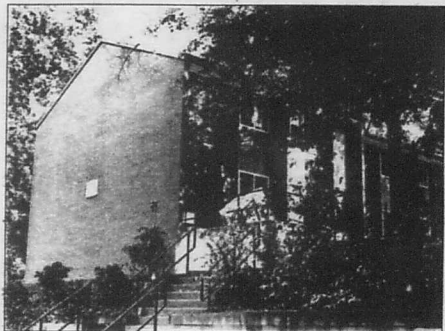
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Residents enjoy 'independent' living



STEVE GARZA

Eberhardt Hall is the newest addition to undergraduate housing. Residents enjoy apartment-style living while on campus.

Frances Lucivero

News Editor

Plans to alleviate this year's expected housing crunch, due to the size of the incoming freshman class, were put into action well before the start of the fall semester. The answer to the housing dilemma was converting Townhouse A (now Eberhardt Hall) into undergraduate housing.

Last year, *The Acorn* reported on the decision to open up the Townhouse to undergraduates. However, at that time, it was not known how Townhouse living would turn out. The verdict is in, and residents have spoken on what it is like to live "independently" in the Drew community.

Eberhardt Hall is under the direction of Mark Hazelbaker, Resi-

dence Director of Riker, Haselton, Baldwin and Eberhardt (HERB), and six resident assistants.

Residents of Eberhardt constitute a micro-community consisting of 44 people.

Seniors Casey O'Donnell and Chris Grygo (Riker); senior Katherine Smith and junior Matt Diamond (Haselton); and senior Luigi Menella and sophomore Heather-Lyn Mennis (Baldwin) were chosen to take on the responsibility for Eberhardt residents in addition to the residents in their respective buildings. Each of the six RAs is responsible for two to four Eberhardt units, equaling about 8 to 12 residents. The tasks of the Eberhardt RAs include being a facilities liaison, conflict mediator, and source of informa-

tion.

Contrary to previous speculation, residents of Eberhardt are under the same rules and regulations that apply to other residence halls. According to Hazelbaker, "Eberhardt residents are as welcome as any other campus residents to host social gatherings as long as they are in line with the standards of their Eberhardt housing agreement, the HERB community, and the larger Drew community."

There is however, one specific rule for Eberhardt residents specified in the housing application students filled out last spring. The application said that Eberhardt Hall is located in a "neighborhood" that includes graduate and theological students and their families. Therefore, Eberhardt residents were informed prior to moving in that they would have to honor nighttime quiet hours.

Residents of Eberhardt are given an opportunity no other CLA students have. The Eberhardt complex is designed in an apartment building fashion, thus creating an independent living style. "[It's] more like a special perk," Hazelbaker said. "Eberhardt residents are afforded the opportunity to live as independently as possible...to live in an apartment setting with as many of its freedoms and responsibilities as possible," he said.

While Eberhardt residents live independently, there are times when assistance from campus of-

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Beth Messiah cleared of cult status—for now

John Hwang
Erik Robert Slagle

Beth Messiah is not a cult, according to the findings of University Chaplain Victoria Erickson, although she would not rule out the possibility of a change in status. The group is a messianic Jewish organization which believes Jesus Christ to be the Messiah.

Last Thursday, Erickson sat down with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF) to discuss the University's investigation. More than six months have passed since IVCF invited Irving Salzman, a member of Beth Messiah, to speak at Drew.

"It was good for us to go over the events [which have transpired]," Erickson said. "What we discovered was that all of these conversations [between IVCF and concerned members of the Jewish community] happened in a compressed amount of time before Spring Break.... We've all agreed that there was a significant amount of misunderstanding and miscommunication."

This misunderstanding and miscommunication was largely over Erickson's threat of probation on IVCF. Brian Madison, a national

IVCF staffworker who works as an invited guest to advise the University chapter of IVCF, explained the sequence of events as follows: the idea to bring a member of Beth Messiah, essentially an evangelical group, first arose in May 1996 at an IVCF leadership development camp. "Students felt there would be a good choice to speak on the topic of Messianic typology in the Passover meal," Madison said.

"Throughout the year, there was talk about the need to discuss our intentions with traditional [orthodox, conservative, and reformed] Jews on campus," he continued.

As the date for Salzman's arrival drew closer, IVCF decided to draft a letter to Hillel to explain that he was invited and to explain the reasons for his invitation. "We invited them to respond and observe the event [which would have been open to the entire community]."

Upon hearing of IVCF's plans, members of the Jewish community, and most fervently former professor of Jewish Studies Peter Ochs, expressed concern and protest. These concerns were based on sketchy knowledge of the practices of Beth Messiah, a sect known for

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First-year Hall Senators elected

Carrie Richards

Staff Writer

A hectic week of campaigning has come to an end.

Wednesday night when the Student Government Association election results were posted, many hopeful candidates flocked to the University Center to find out whether they had won; those who had expressed their excitement about becoming a part of the new Senate.

"I'm very, very happy because I love my dorm so much," Brown Hall Senator Megan Brown said.

SGA Elections Chair Carolin Collins who was in charge of handing out petitions, running the candidates' meeting, and handling the ballots, said that everything ran smoothly.

Justin Serpone, with 85 votes, and William Guyster, with 81 votes, are the new

First-year Senators Steven Caponegro, with 166 votes, and Chris Cashman, with 165 votes, are the class officers.

The race for Senator was a close one.

The candidate with the next highest amount of votes, Jessica Ogilvie, was just three votes short of Guyster.

"It was very close; every vote counted," Guyster said.

"It's exciting. It's good to get involved. It makes me feel more at home here," Serpone said.

His initial plans for the SGA include getting oriented and helping out in any way he can before getting into the issues affecting his constituents. "It's not my opinions I have to stand for, it's the class' opinions."

The freshman class officers chose to run together on a dual ballot since they were the only two running for the office.

"I'll do my best to make everyone happy," Caponegro said.

The election was a landmark in that an unexpectedly high number of freshmen, 393, voted.

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Jane McLaughlin honored



ERIK ROBERT SLAGLE

Conference Coordinator Jane McLaughlin was honored yesterday as Employee of the Year. She is an active member of the Drew community and well-respected by students, faculty, and staff.



STEVE GARZA

Wednesday, students voted for SGA Residence Hall and First-year Senators. Elections were held in the UC from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

NEWSBRIEFS



Psychology Fair

The Psychology Fair will be held Monday at 4 p.m. in the psychology lounge in the Hall of Sciences.

Psychology department chair Ann Saltzman, Director of Psychobiology Robin Timmons, Director of Behavioral Science Jim Mills, and Pat Harris from the Academic Internship Office will talk about what it means to study psychology at Drew.

This is the Psychology Club's first event of the year.

Counseling Services

The Center for Counseling and Psychological Services is offering several coping groups this semester. They are free, confidential, and open to both male and female students.

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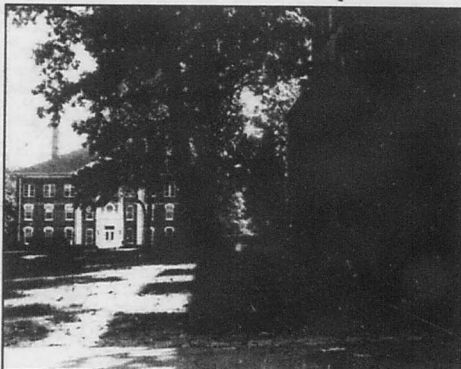
Annual Fund

The Annual Fund has received challenges to raise money from alumni.

A member of the CLA class of '69 has challenged the class with a pledge to contribute \$10,000 over an existing Annual Fund gift if the class hits \$30,000 or 50 percent participation.

Trouble at the Triple

Party closed over noise complaints



ERIK ROBERT SLADLE

The residents of Asbury Hall (left) say they have had enough of the noise from the weekly parties thrown in Hoyt-Bowne Hall (right).

Fuquan Jackson

Staff Writer

For many years Hoyt-Bowne Hall has been known for its Thursday Triple parties. However, graduate student residents of Asbury Hall rarely enjoy this weekly occasion.

During a Sept. 11 party, the noise level was excessive, according to Director of Public Safety Tom Evans. He said "it was unbelievable, and in fact, we received one complaint from an off-campus resident, an overwhelming amount from on-campus students, as well as Hoyt residents. As a result, we immediately went to the party and told them to turn the music down."

Some graduate students in Asbury Hall were outraged by the noise and reacted before Evans arrived, by personally asking Hoyt party goers to keep the noise down.

"They turn their speakers towards the Hoyt Lawn," Asbury resident Tasha Somers said. "We are not asking that they stop having their Hoyt parties but that they be considerate of us as we are

considerate of them."

Are Hoyt parties disturbing the campus community? No, argued junior Cory Ott, Resident Assistant of Hoyt first. After Ott received the first complaint, he told people to come inside. He said he realized the noise level was out of control. Ott believed the problems resulted from miscommunication between Asbury and Hoyt.

Senior Paul Dinuzzo, a resident of the Triple, felt he and his roommates had the party under control. "There was no need to have Dean [of Student Life Denise] Alleyne, Chief Evans, and [Manager of Residential Programs] Andrew Steiner storm out of their beds to come here and close down the party," he said. "We have been having these parties since the first week of school."

For now the parties will go on as planned. A meeting will be held sometime next week to discuss this problem in an attempt to find a common ground between the residents in Hoyt and Asbury Halls.

President Kean's
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SGA Agenda

Sunday, Sept. 21 at 6 p.m.

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes: April 20, May 4
- III. Update on Ryan Fraytie
- IV. Proposal for Interim Appointments
- V. Approval of Interim Vice President-Lisa Cornacchia
Approval of Interim Treasurer-Lurana Brown
- VI. Approval of Sophomore Class Senator-Lauren Morello
- VII. Approval of University Senator-Maria Pasqualino
- VIII. Approval of PPC Student Representative-Steve DeLuca
- IX. Approval of JAAC Student Representative-Nathaniel Raymond
- X. Approval of Technology Committee Co-Chair-Tyler Seto
- XI. Approval of Judicial Board: Matt Light (Chair), Andrew Kass, Charlie Toms, Tadahiyo Kaburaki, Katrina Johnson, Andrea Kuzma (Alternate), Amanda Santiago (Alternate), Melissa Santantonio, Cheryl Ward, Chacha Negishi, and Sarah Conklin
- XII. Election of President Pro Tempore
- XIV. Proposal-48 hour rule
- XV. Committee Briefs
- XVI. Technology/Network Update-Dr. Candiotti
- XVII. Presidential Remarks
- XVIII. Old Business
- XIX. Announcements
- XXI. Adjournment

Drew hosts annual Madison Community Day celebration

Charles E. Toms

Staff Writer

Tomorrow from noon to 5 p.m., Drew will hold its sixth annual Community Day. Most of the activities will take place in and around five tents on the field in front of Tilghman House.

Community Day is an outdoor festivity held each fall with the partnership of Drew University and the citizens of Madison.

"Community Day was started six years ago by three Drew students who wanted to reach out to the town of Madison. It's about town-gown relations," Assistant Vice President for University Relations Tom Harris, the director of the event, said.

Deputy Chief of Staff for the President's Office, Jeff Cromarty, junior Dmitry Vovchuk, and senior Christine Meo are also helping to coordinate the event.

In addition, numerous other students are working at different activities on Community Day.

"Community Day is an annual event to bring people from Madison and Drew students together on campus. The event celebrates

a harvest theme," Vovchuk said.

Most of the Community Day activities are sponsored by organizations both on and off campus. All three of Drew's capella groups, That Medieval Thing, the Juggernauts, the equestrian team, and the fencing team will be performing.

Also, 35 to 40 community groups will be present. There will be face painters, an expert pumpkin carver, a clown, a discussion on 19th century literature pertaining to ghosts by Professor of English Wendy Kolmar, a hayride around campus every half hour, and a number of other activities.

"We are expecting it to be a busy day on campus," Cromarty said.

"Historically, we get about two thousand people for Community Day," Harris said.

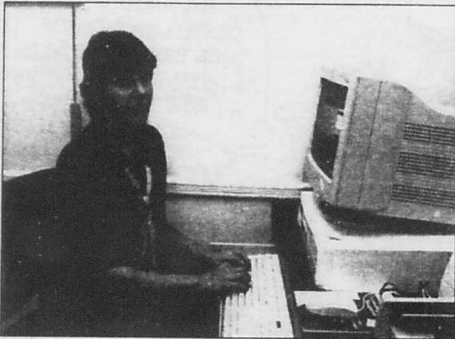
All of the activities, except for food and drinks, are free. Most of the food is being sold by local businesses and fraternal organizations. The cost of running Community Day is being split between Drew University and the Borough of Madison.

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New Library Director looks to make changes



STEVE GARZA

Deirdre C. Stam started this week as the new Library Director.

Alison O' Connor Staff Writer

This year, there have been many changes in the Drew community, including the hiring of Deirdre C. Stam as the new director of the University Library.

Stam has many credentials, including a B.A. from Radcliffe University and an M.A. and Ph.D. from Columbia University. She has experience working in library situations, having taught library classes at Columbia University, Syracuse University, and Catholic University. She comes to Drew directly from Syracuse, where she worked as the Web master, enhancing Syracuse's use of the World Wide Web as a source of information.

Stam decided to come to Drew because "there was a great opportunity to pull together sources and Drew is very information interested."

She said she is very excited about having the chance to implement new resources and technology at Drew. According to Stam, her job includes shedding light on "ideas from other places and perceptions, like the Web and higher technology."

She hopes the changes she institutes will "bring more energy to the use of Drew re-

sources."

Some of the changes in Drew resources include a broader use of the Web as a source for information and the creation of a "single approach to make things more organized." Stam said she's most excited about the implementation of fiber optic cables campus-wide. The new network "will take off ... increas[ing] communication between people like professors and students," she said. The goal is not just broadening Drew resources, but making everything "easier for people to understand, [enabling] students creating their own packages of information," Stam said.

Stam said she does not like to be seen as a force that will totally change the face of Drew resources. She says it is "very important to preserve and use Drew's collections," and that "while we move ahead, we don't want to forget the resources here at Drew, just use it as a tool to transform the fruits of labor."

Stam hopes that the "open attitude at Drew" will enable students to embrace the new technology, and she is very optimistic about the future of Drew's resources. Many of the adjustments that she is making should be in place by the end of the 1997-1998 school year.

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practicing proselytization, or aggressive conversionary tactics.

Ochs filed an official complaint with Erickson and Dean of Student Life Denise Alleyne voicing "his frustration," according to the chaplain.

Following this letter, she said, "We (Erickson and the leaders and advisors of IVCF and Hillel) all agreed to meet together to talk about these issues which were of importance to everybody."

"We wanted to talk about the event," Madison said, "so that it wasn't just pieces of paper going back and forth, [but] people actually conversing."

Several issues came up as a result of this meeting. "Faculty protest of the specific congregation that Salzman was coming from, whether or not the group engaged in cult-like or deceitful practices... there were multiple issues being raised," Madison said.

The issue of probation arose, according to Erickson, because "the group [IVCF] was being asked by faculty to meet and the length of time it took them to meet was extremely frustrating for faculty members."

"At the time, Sarah [Adams (CLA '97), last year's IVCF President and I were unclear as to what the issues surrounding probation really were. We were unsure as to what putting IVCF on probation would have been used for. In our attempts to communicate that back to the IVCF leadership, it got quite muddled. IVCF was largely confused and taken aback," Madison said.

Erickson said the time it took for IVCF to articulate a response to the faculty protest and to agree to a meeting led to her threat of levying probation on the group. "As part of

a leadership body of an undergraduate student group, I recognize there needed to be time for some sort of group consensus. Personally, however, I think that IVCF took too long to make a definitive response."

"To be fair to IVCF," Erickson said, "they wanted to be very careful and make sure they understood all the ramifications. On the other hand, we had a couple of Jewish Studies faculty members who were really in pain and needed to have some space to talk."

"This is a small liberal arts college," she continued. "We try to create a family atmosphere. Religious Life and Student Life have always been promoted as family life. So when my brother comes to me and says something you're doing is really hurting me and I need to talk about it, my response is, okay, let's talk about it."

"In hindsight I think [probation] was a reasonable tool," Madison said. "As an administrator and a University chaplain I think it was reasonable for her to explain that probation might be necessary in that situation."

The law, Erickson said, was used as a last resort "after the heart has failed, after the spirit has failed. Sometimes this method of gathering people when the heart has failed works, and I didn't see that the heart was working very well."

The confusion surrounding probation died down when IVCF decided to postpone inviting Salzman pending a University investigation. Drew wanted to know whether Beth Messiah was listed as an official cult. According to Erickson's findings, they are not.

Beth Messiah, despite tactics many label controversial, does not appear on any national cult-watch lists. Erickson contacted several cult awareness/watch networks and local chaplains and found nothing to warrant a cult label.

This was in direct contrast to a

series of incidents involving the International Church of Christ two years ago. When this cult organization was caught illegally soliciting memberships on campus, it took relatively little time for the University to make a swift decision.

Erickson said in that case she was flooded with information about the International Church of Christ from several cult-watch organizations.

They all considered the group to be a cult, as did the state police, she said. Erickson went on to say that "There was no knowledge of [Beth Messiah] anywhere I called."

"We're not a cult," Salzman said of Beth Messiah. "No one has ever defined us in that way. We offer ourselves as a contemporary worship alternative. We feel it's very important to respect the beliefs of others. We do attempt to appeal to a wide variety of people."

"Peter Ochs believed in his mind that this was a cult group, just like the year before," Erickson said. "He's a friend and supporter of IVCF [but he] overstretched those claims. What I had was a faculty member saying the cases were identical. Just because this group didn't show up on any national list today didn't mean they're not going to do it tomorrow. Let me take this request seriously."

Salzman, while saying he was "disappointed" at being disinvited, said he was "not bitter" towards the University but "felt it could have been handled a little better."

Madison said people have brought up the idea of reinventing Salzman, but it would have to be done in a way that would cause minimal amount of problems. "We're hoping," he said, "that [Erickson] in her function as chaplain may help us to mediate that. But it's not a certainty either way."

Erickson said that "It's still an open question."

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LEAD EDITORIAL

Conflict resolution?

Spirituality—it is a very personal issue for many people, and at Drew, it is no different. If students or members of the Drew community have problems relating to their spirituality, they need someone to turn to who can solve those problems as soon as possible. When two parties are in conflict over spiritual matters, this resolution becomes even more important. Such a conflict can leave people holding very bitter feelings, towards both the other party and the University as a whole.

When a conflict arose last semester over the invitation of Irving Salzman to Drew, the situation cried out for resolution. For months, some people felt confused, anxious, and even betrayed. So why did it take months to resolve a conflict after so much dialogue between the concerned parties had taken place?

Well, clearly the dialogue was not meaningful. First, there was confusion over the matter of a threat of probation levied to InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF). Some members of IVCF thought the threat was to prevent them from inviting Salzman to our campus until more was known about Beth Messiah. According to University Chaplain Victoria Erickson, the threat was an attempt to get IVCF to speak to faculty members concerned about inviting a member of a little-known Messianic Jewish organization. IVCF's staff worker, Brian Madison, confirmed that this was his understanding from the very beginning as well. So why, then, didn't some of the student members of IVCF know this? How could such an obvious breach in communication occur over a conflict whose resolution relied so heavily on communication?

Furthermore, what little information *did* exist floated mostly at the top. By her own admission, it took the Chaplain months to find out whether Beth Messiah was actually a cult organization. During this time, why weren't other people briefed about the status of her investigation? Dean of Student Life Denise Alleyne was no better informed than the members of IVCF. Many students were left puzzled over the entire matter. It wasn't until *The Acorn* discovered that Erickson had concluded Beth Messiah was not a cult organization, and brought this information to members of IVCF, that the matter was finally clarified.

From the very beginning, everyone claimed the importance of communication. Where was the communication here? As it turns out, this entire incident was begun by Peter Ochs, a man who—even according to Erickson—overstated the dangers of inviting Beth Messiah, then protracted the situation through a lack of meaningful dialogue. Frankly, whatever dialogue existed didn't seem to do the job. In the end, it turns out that IVCF could have, at any point, invited Salzman without risk of probation. This means that some members of IVCF, under the impression that probation would be levied on them had he been invited, weren't even fighting the right battle.

It is ironic that all anyone from any side of the issue ever wanted to do was talk, and yet the lack of communication is what extended the conflict.

What Drew needs is a better-defined policy for resolving conflicts over spiritual issues. There needs to be an outline that more clearly stresses the necessity for immediate dialogue. If people had already understood the necessity of dialogue, there might not have been a need for the threat of probation. If there were more guidelines laying down clear paths of communication to Dean Alleyne's office, there might not have been as much confusion. If all the members of every group fully understood the conflict and the progress made to resolve it, many bitter feelings could have been avoided. At one point, Erickson said that in cases such as this, matters of the heart should take precedence over matters of the law. In other words, she would like to see open community dialogue come before mandates and disciplinary actions. However, sometimes it is necessary for the law to lay down some guidelines in order to facilitate the heart.



READER'S FORUM

Freshman criticizes platforms for complete lack of substance, issues

To the Editor:

In ancient Greece, men of learning would gather in public places to discuss the various issues of the day, from philosophy to politics. The discussions would range far and wide, with views of all sorts welcome on the table for discussion and contemplation. In our modern, sound-bite, take-it-or-leave-it-because-I-don't-have-time-to-listen-to-it-world, the art of speaking seems to have been lost in the mists of MTV. Nowadays, we manage to speak a great deal while saying very little. And as I was reading through the blurbs for each First-Year Senator nominee, I was struck by the fact that very little of substance was actually said! So, after applying some common sense, eliminating double talk, dismissing meaningless drivel, and setting aside anything irrelevant, I will attempt to dissolve the wordy statements to what was really said. I hope you all find it enlightening.

First of all, let's lay out some ground rules. We have to realize that the student nominees in this case are first-year students, and a common affliction of first-years is that we tend to know very little of how things here work. So the textbook dodge in this case is to say you intend to take up "the issues." We may not know what these issues are, but darn it, we intend to take them up! Also, having nothing else to say, people have an unfortunate tendency to relate past experiences, even if they have nothing to do with politics at all. Now, not only is this pointless, but that is building on the meaninglessness of mentioning high school politics at all. High school politics is merely a competition of the popular, not necessarily the skilled, and whether or not you were good at it is something we can never know, so mentioning it is nice—but not terribly interesting. Besides, high school legislatures are usually little more than event-planning bodies and can hardly be used as benchmarks of political prowess. Finally, people have an annoying tendency to relate just how involved they are; how they are getting involved in the college experience. Well, we're happy for you, but while you are relating all the wonderful things you're involved in, are you sure you can dedicate the time necessary to the government? I'm not saying people should dedicate themselves exclusively to government, but be careful about taking on so much that government might take a back seat to other interests. My personal favorite is when people list all the activities they are in, then go on to say how "your concerns will get my 100 percent attention." Yeah, right.

OK, now that we have our rules, let's cut to the chase. I intend to take each blurb one at a time, and strip it down to what is really being said in each. Here we go:

• Justin Sarpone—Student Government is a great thing, and this position is a really serious one, please vote for me;

• D.J. Wright—We have a cool class, and I'm here for you!! Please vote for me;

• Amanda Santiago—I am a very loud person (who has a chronic problem spelling "woman"). Please vote for me;

• William Guyster—I am a nice person. Please vote for me. (Are we noticing a trend yet?)

Now the observant person would have noticed that two people were missing from the lineup, specifically Ms. Tara Lauriat and Mr. Steve Caponegro (who is actually running for Class Officer). I left them out of consideration because I would like to hold them up as examples of people who actually have a platform to stand on. While Steve did veer slightly into no-no land, Tara did not, and I extend kudos to them both. I wanted to use the remainder of my space here to discuss their blurbs individually.

Let's start with Steve Caponegro. Now, Steve did delve into the realm of wrong by mentioning past experiences. This is real Steve, but largely irrelevant. While we are proud of your accomplishments, they were in high school, and this is not high school. But enough of that. Steve starts right off by suggesting improvements and goes on to show a concern for inter-class unity, as well as making connections for the class outside of Drew, something no one else mentions. He saves his personal preferences until the end, and specifically labels them as his personal opinions, so as not to confuse personal and universal concerns. Bravo Steve for striking out and not confusing your opinion of yourself with your ability to do the job.

Next let us consider Tara Lauriat's platform. She leaves out any mention of personal information, using her precious space to discuss her plans and goals. Her introduction and conclusion are short and concise, something rarely seen in writing these days. Her concerns are wholly universal, and any personal interests involved are sufficiently suppressed so that they do not cloud the issue. I especially found her mention of getting Drew's name out beyond New Jersey particularly interesting. Being from Hawaii myself, I can say with some authority that Drew is a non-entity that far away from the east coast. Had they not contacted me, I never would have considered them, let alone known they existed. This was an outstanding job given such a small space for her ideas.

Now, understand that I am not saying the other candidates are incompetent or unfit. I am merely pointing out that you, the voter, need to be careful. While it does not matter now, use this as a measure for future times when you might have to decipher other political double-talk. It is easy to speak volumes and say nothing. The true skill is in saying volumes in few words, and another invaluable skill is being able to read beyond the words on the page. Always consider what is actually being said, and don't be won over by flattery or flourishes. Happy reading!

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Calendar's catchy AIDS slogan implies questionable message

At the bottom left corner of a Drew University calendar that doubles as a poster is written, in large letters, the phrase, "Sexual Abstinence Won't Cure AIDS, Research Will." Sponsored by the



The Critical Condition

David Farris
Opinions Editor

American Foundation for AIDS Research, the advertisement at first glance appears to be a crowd-pleasing, logical statement. "Damn straight," we're supposed

to say, "Rage against the dying of the light!"

In one realm, the phrase makes perfect sense. Convincing college students to abstain from sex is like trying to keep a narcoleptic from falling asleep. The abstinence movement is also a bit condescending; we're all adults here—let us make our own decisions. Trying to coerce the population to morph into a nation of Puritans is a thoroughly fruitless endeavor. The sexual revolution was fought and won and the money spent trying to lure the troops to the other side would, in all likelihood, be better spent on research.

On the flip side, though, sexual abstinence certainly won't further the spread of the disease. Contained in the phrase is an unnecessary scorn for keeping your pants on. The statement also implies a dangerous message. It could be taken to say, "Screw your brains out—we'll find a cure! And don't you dare take precautions!" With that questionable logic in mind, some related campaigns could go as follows:

- Kicking the cigarette habit won't cure lung cancer—research will.
- A healthier diet won't cure

heart disease—research will.

- Not drinking won't cure liver disease—research will.
- Sexual abstinence won't cure (insert sexually transmitted disease here)—research will.
- Environmental regulations won't prevent air pollution—science will.
- Eliminating chlorofluorocarbons won't save the ozone layer—science will figure something out.
- Campaign finance reform won't prevent corruption—more honest politicians will.

This pervasive public trust in the inevitable progress of science and our expectation of constant technological innovation may one day get us in a great deal of trouble. It can be seen everywhere, from the belief that new sources of power will solve our energy dilemmas to the hope that technology will alleviate the world's horrendous pollution problems. Even I, the polished skeptic, pray that research will one day find the remedy for male pattern baldness.

The sad fact is, science may never find a cure for AIDS, which is a disturbing notion, but one we must entertain. There still isn't a definitive cure for cancer, despite accumulated research costing billions of dollars.

There's no remedy for Ebola, Lou Gehrig's Disease, or herpes. Even diseases we thought medical science had defeated, such as malaria, are making a comeback. Perhaps there is no miracle cure wait-

ing in the wings for AIDS either; the best we may find are the current methods of slowing death—protease inhibitors, AZT, and other post-infection treatments. Hardly ineffectual medicines, but they are far from making AIDS the polio of the 90s.

With that in mind, though it may not be particularly useful to promote abstinence, neither is it very brilliant to openly trash it; with the disdain for abstinence runs an undercurrent of disrespect for sexual responsibility. It encourages a carelessness supported by our faith in an eventual cure. AIDS rates are still rising among several groups, most notably among heterosexual women, despite an increased public awareness of the dangers of unprotected sex. If science never does find a preventative treatment, we may all regret perpetuating an attitude that fosters irresponsible behavior.

Perhaps the American Foundation for AIDS Research would be better served by a simple plea for more funding. "Researchers can't find a cure for AIDS without adequate funding." Okay, it's not as catchy, but the point still gets across. AIDS research needs to be well-funded, and a cure needs to be vigorously sought.

Then again, maybe they're just trying to drum up business for themselves. A viable campaign in that vein would be, "Sleep around—AIDS research can't go on without new AIDS cases."

Helms' direction will damage GOP

Derek Ziegler
Executive Editor

Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC) may have prevailed this week over William Weld, the Republican ex-governor of Massachusetts, but his victory raises serious questions about the future of the Republican Party.

Helms, chair of the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee, refused to hold hearings on Weld's nomination to be ambassador to Mexico. Citing Weld's support for the medicinal use of marijuana, the Senator claimed the Massachusetts moderate was soft on drugs and therefore ill-equipped to be the ambassador to a country where the drug trade is a pivotal issue. Weld withdrew his name from consideration Monday.

From the start, Weld's motivation in seeking the ambassadorship was murky. During the nomination fight, many observers noted that Weld seemed more interested in elevating his stature as a spokesman for moderate Republicans nationwide by taking on Helms than in getting the ambassadorship.

Weld said publicly that he was "not Jesse Helms' kind of Republican" and that his nomination was a "battle for the heart and soul of the Republican party." These remarks incensed the committee chairman and strengthened his resolve to prevent Weld from even having a hearing.

Despite the support of Democrats and other Republicans, most notably Senator Richard Lugar (R-IN), for a hearing on Weld, Helms kept center stage. He even threat-

ened to thwart other Clinton foreign policy initiatives if the administration pressed him on the Weld matter.

Last Friday, armed with charts of other nominees who weren't granted hearings, Helms bombastically stifled any Senator who dared question his authority. Helms' actions struck many in both parties as an insult to the democratic process and further damaged the image of the chairman in the eyes of liberals and moderates.

Helms' virtual dictatorship over his committee should sound an alarm to Republican party leaders. If social moderates like Weld, Governor Christie Whitman of New Jersey, and Governor George Pataki of New York aren't able to reclaim control of the party from conservative stalwarts like Helms and House Majority Leader Dick Armey (R-TX), the Republicans could be doomed in the next Presidential election.

In 1996, typically moderate states in the Northeast voted overwhelmingly for Clinton, as did most of the Midwest and California. Women left the Republican party in droves, as Clinton won 54 percent of their votes to 37 percent for his Republican challenger Bob Dole, according to a *Washington Post* exit poll. Among people identifying themselves as moderates, Clinton prevailed by a 57 percent to 32 percent margin.

The same type of thing happened in 1992 when Clinton swept most of the same states and Republican candidate George Bush was victimized not only by a poor economy, but by perceptions that

he was captive of the far-right wing of the party, typified by Pat Buchanan and his "cultural war."

The past two presidential elections should signal to Republican leaders that they need to return to center, much like the Democrats did when they nominated Clinton in 1992. That year, moderate Democrats realized that after decades in the previous three elections with liberal candidates, they needed someone who could broaden the party's appeal beyond its traditional constituencies.

However, as Helms showed this past week, many conservative Republicans appear to be blind to the perception that they are uncaring, stodgy, and out-of-touch. Religious conservatives have vowed that they won't let "liberals" like Bush or Dole be nominated in 2000.

Who, then, will emerge as the national leader of the GOP? Even House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-GA) and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-MS), two legislators that most Americans consider right-of-center, were branded as sell-outs by the far right for their acquiescence to the recent budget deal.

Lott atoned somewhat in conservative eyes by bowing to Helms on the Weld matter, but Gingrich's influence has waned since the leadership coup against him this past summer. These conservatives need to come to their senses and realize that most Americans, while cynical about government, are also skeptical about massive cuts in social programs and environmental regulatory dismantlement. Otherwise, they will continue losing moderate voters to the Democrats and can look forward to eight years of Al Gore.

Other People's Opinions

(not ours)

"I feel very old sometimes ... I carry on and would not like to die before having emptied a few more buckets of shit on the heads of my fellow men." — *Gustav Flaubert*

"Marriage is like a bank account. You put it in, you take it out, you lose interest." — *Professor Irwin Corey*

"My obstetrician was so dumb that when I gave birth he forgot to cut the cord. For a year that kid followed me everywhere. It was like having a dog on a leash." — *Joan Rivers*

"A manuscript, like a foetus, is never improved by showing it to somebody before it is completed." — *Unknown*

"Half of analysis is anal." — *Marty Indyk*

"You can find your way across the country using burger joints the way a navigator uses stars." — *Charles Kuralt*

"No diet will remove all the fat from your body because the brain is entirely fat. Without a brain you might look good, but all you could do is run for public office." — *Covert Bailey*

"Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city." — *George Burns*

"Quotations are the columnist's bullpen. Stealing someone else's words frequently spares the embarrassment of eating your own." — *Peter Anderson*

"They should stop calling Reagan and Gorbachev the two most powerful men in the world. Between the two of them they couldn't bench press a hundred pounds." — *Al Overdor*

(again, not our opinions)

READER'S FORUM

Deaths of Princess Diana, Mother Teresa deserved coverage in *Acorn*

To the Editor:

I was extremely disappointed in the paper's decision not to include even a mention of Princess Diana or Mother Teresa's deaths.

It seems to me that while it is important to focus on school-related issues, it is equally important to acknowledge that we are also a part of a larger community—the world.

These two women exemplified a humanitarian spirit not often found in our world. Their deaths will have a great deal of impact on members of our global community for

years to come.

It is sad and very unfortunate that you decided not to include them in the paper. To have honored these fine women would have shown the student body that you are concerned with the events that happen outside Drew's hallowed halls.

I have to wonder, as well, if this would have been the case if President Clinton or Nelson Mandela had passed away.

Christine L. Powell
senior

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LIVING

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fices is required. Facilities (FRM) was bombarded with many requests this month for repairs. Even though Eberhardt was remodeled for its new residents, there were some problems needing special attention.

Problems included clogged showers, plumbing problems such as overflowing and leaking toilets, air conditioners not working, ceiling leaks, no toilet paper, and unavailable laundry facilities. A resident in unit 25 was unable to take a shower in her apartment for over a week due to a clogged drain that left water laying stagnant in the tub. "I lived at my boyfriend's for a week to take a shower," senior Mary Haas said.

After a number of phone calls, the residents of unit 25 said they were told their problem was not a priority and therefore someone from facilities could not come immediately.

The residents of unit 24 are still awaiting the return of Facilities to secure a seal on their toilet to prevent further leaking. They said they were assured this would be taken care of during the first week of school. "During the first two weeks of class, Facilities is bombarded by phone calls with various complaints. These complaints are prioritized by the office of Residence Life," Director of Facilities Operations Steve Weiser said. "Those complaints that are most threatening to life or property are handled first."

Another problem for residents was obtaining necessities such

as toilet paper. The school provides toilet paper for all of the residence halls, including the Suites. Many Eberhardt residents bought their own or pilfered some from other dorms. "I used to have to steal toilet paper from Riker," senior Lisa Cornacchia said. "I didn't want to be forced to commit a crime just to get toilet paper."

The reason for the lack of toilet paper available was a late arrival of supplies. "For those who chose to be supplied with these [toilet paper and trash bags] by the University, we tried our best to scavenge them up [as] best we could," Hazelbaker said. "Our bulk supplies had not yet arrived. We weren't hoarding thousands of rolls of toilet paper when residents were in need of it; we simply couldn't give it out if we didn't have it to give."

The problems with toilet paper, supplies, and the laundry room appear to have been resolved.

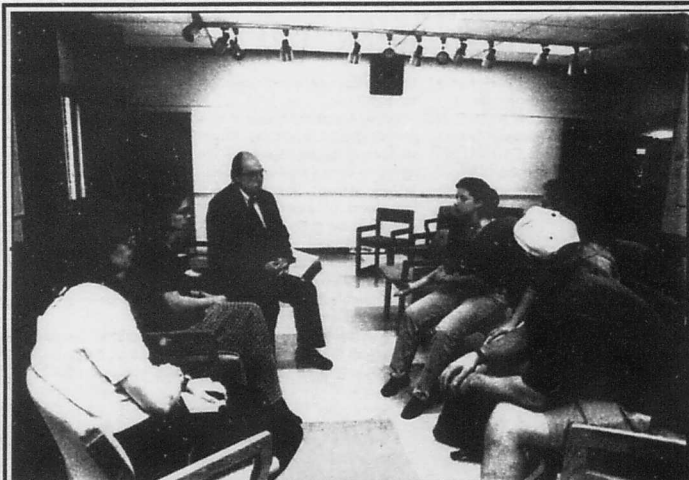
The units are equipped with kitchens, in which residents can do only a minimal amount of cooking due to the absence of a stove/oven. "It would be perfect if we could have burners and actually cook," Cornacchia said.

For the most part, students said residing in Eberhardt has been a good experience.

"I like the fact that we control our air [conditioning], unlike in Riker," Cornacchia said.

"I love the layout; it's wonderful," Haas said.

A member of Townhouse B (graduate and theological housing) was contacted, but did not comment on having members of the CLA as neighbors.



This week, the Career Center held its annual Senior Career Week. Programs were geared towards helping seniors make decisions on graduate school and employment after graduation. During the week, seniors attended sessions on how to write resumes and how to survive job interviews.

SGA

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"I'm pretty impressed with the amount of first-year voters," SGA President Rob Benacchio said.

In fact, the other classes also had relatively high turnouts.

Newly elected Haselton senator Charlie Toms said, "The turnout seems better than many other elections."

For the first SGA meeting, the majority of business will be housekeeping, such as approving Lisa Cornacchia as Vice President and appointing an in-

terim Treasurer.

Benacchio said that he was glad the new Senators are enthusiastic and that he is "definitely looking forward to the Senate."

Collins agreed and said she hoped that all of the new Senators were "excited about the results and being on the Senate."

Senators elected were Tolley Hall, Caren Demyen; Brown Hall, Brad Krehely, Laura Woodworth, and Megan Brown; Haselton Hall, Lelah Cole and Charlie Toms; Baldwin Hall, Beth Giambrone and Sarah Skotnicki; Riker

Hall, Frank Forte and Cheryl Ward; Holloway Hall, Colin Webb and Shannon Stanwick; and Welch Hall, Dave Kimmel and Jennifer Cullen.

The Senator for McClintock Hall is Karen Daddona; Foster Hall, Fran Caggiano; and Hurst Hall, Joe Giannini.

Hoyt-Bowen Hall Senators are Mary Pasqualino and Josh Davison; the Theme Houses' are Emily Littman and Janine Calabro; Eberhardt's is B.J. Zlotoff; the Commuters' senators are Cathy Magia and Brian Coscia; and the Continuing Undergraduate Education (CUE) Senator is Stacy Costa.

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Adding some spice to the big screen

Let the reader beware: I have learned something from MTV News.

What useful tidbit of useless tripe did I glean from the cornucopia of

The Murder of Literature

Darin Woolpert
Staff Writer

useful information that is MTV News? I found out that the Spice Girls, those lovable singers of songs including phrases like "I really really wanna a-zigzig-ha," are going to be coming out with a movie soon. As you can guess, I quickly ran to my phone and purchased an advance ticket for opening night. This ticket now sits in a safe deposit box in the Summit Bank in Madison.

Spice World will apparently be a remake of the Beatles' *A Hard Day's Night*, just "spiced" up a bit. (I apologize, but that's what the MTV "news" person actually said.) I feel it's unfortunate that the Spice Girls are going to be using a Beatles movie to further their malevolent designs. First, I think it's too bad because the quality of movies other musicians made, such as Elvis, Madonna, Cyndi Lauper, Prince, Vanilla Ice, or John Denver, (Who doesn't love *Oh God!*?) would be much more suited to the caliber of the Spice Girls. My other



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Spice Girls' far-reaching talent proves that the spice is with them.

reason is that, unlike the Spice Girls, the Beatles did some nice things for the world. For example, they ingested all those drugs, just so other people wouldn't have to. I think it's noble how they sacrificed their bodies that way.

(For those of you who don't think they took any drugs, I have two pieces of evidence. Exhibit A: they were alive during the '60s. Exhibit B: the entire film of *The Yellow Submarine*.)

Actually, come to think of it, there's a third reason the Spice Girls' choice of films could have been better. I would like to entreat you all to wonder with me what it would be like if the Spice Girls were remaking a different, more

popular movie.

Here are a few samples of scenes and dialogue:

The Empire Spices Back ("The Imperial March" has been replaced with "2 Become 1.")

Alec Guinness: You must go to the Degobah system and learn from the spice master, Yoda, how to use the spice, Spice. Wait a second. "Use the spice, Spice?" Who wrote this tripe? It's a good thing my character's already dead.

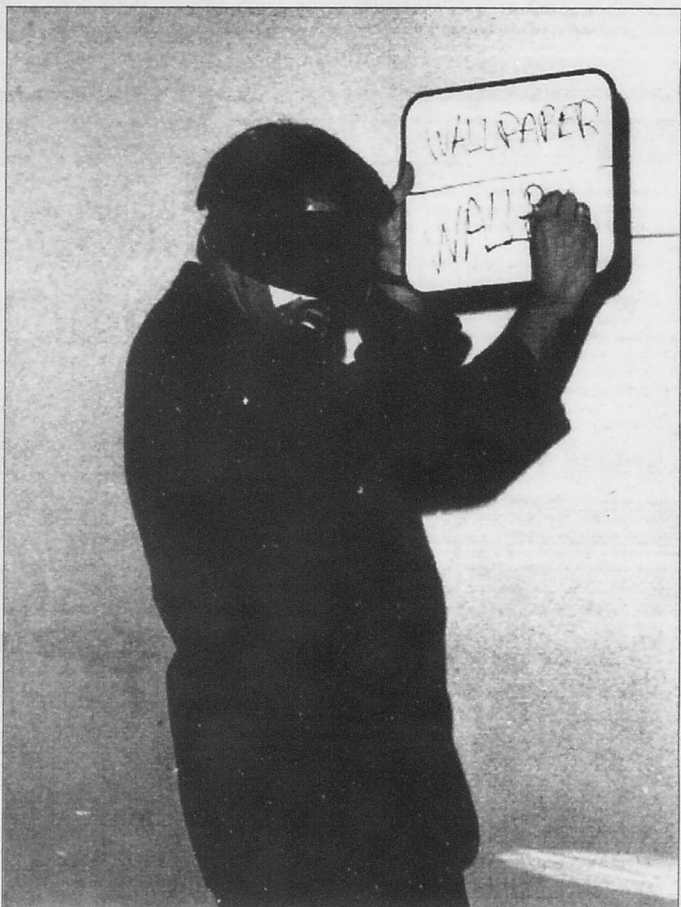
Darth Vader: Join me, and we will rule the universe together. It is your destiny.

Skywalker Spice: A zigzig-ha!

Darth Vader: Huh?

Skywalker Spice: A zigzig-ha!

Your mind belongs to him now



STEVE GARZA

Extraordinarist Craig Karges shocked, amazed, and entertained a packed UC 107 last Friday night. Above, with his eyes covered by masking tape, half-dollars, and a blindfold, Karges senses the word "WALLPAPER" written by a student on the top half of a dry-erase board and rewrites it on the bottom.

ENTERTAINMENT

Darth Vader: What the hell is "a zigzig-ha?"
Skywalker Spice: I really really really dunno.
Darth Vader: Then you will die!
Darth Vader chops off Skywalker Spice's hand. Every audience that sees the movie invariably cheers at this moment. Frequently there are cries of, "Take out the vocal chords while you're at it!" and "Hey, the dark side of the force isn't so bad."

Jurassic Spice

Ian Malcolm: Rudimentary chaos theory accounts for your existence and even your popularity, I guess. Hmm... God creates man. Man creates Spice Girls. God hangs head in shame and accelerates global warming considerably.
Raptor Spice: Oh, bloody hell and whatnot, that's my cue. Um... like, grt, or something. Bow wow! Ruff, ruff!

Ian Malcolm: You are aware you're a raptor, and not a dog, right?

Raptor Spice: A what?

Ian Malcolm: A raptor. It's a kind of dinosaur.

Raptor Spice: A kind of what?

Ian Malcolm: Dinosaur. Dinosaur. It's like a big lizard... with teeth... and scales... it lived a long time ago... Hello?

Raptor Spice: Hi. What's a lizard?

Batspice and Robin

Mr. Freeze: Let's kick some spice!

Bat Spice: Sorry, but you're thyme's up, Freeze!

Poison Spice: I'm going to pepper you full of holes.

George Clooney: My God, this movie sucks!

Bat Spice: Here's some sage advice for you: prepare to be assaulted.

Chris O'Donnell: Where's my agent?

Mr. Freeze: I'd like to carry your favor.

George Clooney: Oh, come on! You made that up.

Mr. Freeze (showing script): No, really, it says so right here.

George Clooney: But that doesn't make any sense!

Poison Spice: A zigzig-ha!

Tiny Hanson Member (appearing suddenly): Mmmmbop!

Poison Spice: A zigzig-ha?

Tiny Hanson Member: Hmmm-mmm. Mmmmbop!

(The other members of Hanson and the rest of the Spice Girls all enter on ice skates and perform a moving rendition of "Where's the Mmmmbop?" à la the Ice Capades. Chris O'Donnell goes into a corner and shoots himself. George Clooney calls in the rest of the ER cast, and with the help of Arnold Schwarzenegger, they shut the two bands up—permanently, if you get my drift. When word gets out that in the end of the movie such a fight takes place, the movie breaks all box office records, previously set by the girls' remake of a Vanilla Ice film, entitled Cool as Spice.)

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This weekend...

Sunday, Sept. 20
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Dewey's Comic City is hosting a guest appearance by Mark Waid, a writer for Marvel and DC Comics. Mr. Waid won the Eisner Award for *KINGDOM COME* and is also the writer of *Captain America* and *Ka-Zar* (Marvel Comics), and *The Flash*, *Impulse*, and the forthcoming *KINGDOM* series (DC Comics).
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The Full Monty exposes rigors of daily life

Movie Review  **Janet Wong**
Copyediting Manager

THE FULL MONTY
Comedy, Rated R

Distributed by:

Fox Searchlight Pictures

Directed by:

Peter Cattaneo

Starring:

Robert Carlyle
Mark Addy
Tom Wilkinson
Steve Huison
Paul Barber
Hugo Speer

Released

Friday, Sept. 5

Rating: 
(out of )

The plot device may sound vaguely familiar, that of some desperate individuals who resort to stripping to get some fast and plentiful cash. One may think: not again, been there, seen that, don't care to see that ever again. But take this piece of

advice: you haven't seen it all (well, figuratively speaking) until you have sneaked a peek at *The Full Monty*. This hilarious British comedy tackles the aforementioned plot from

Chippendales show. With that thought in mind, Gaz (Robert Carlyle, *Trainspotting*), a laid-off steelworker, hatches the ultimate scheme to help himself and

their clothes once and then enjoy the wealth thereafter.

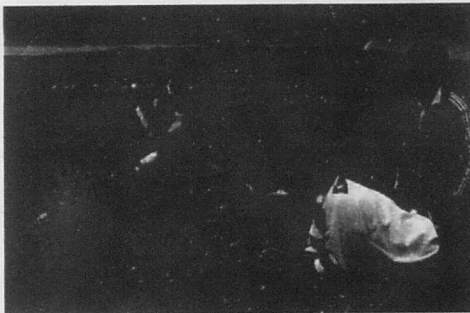
Unfortunately, the six men—scrawny Gaz, overweight Dave, rigid Gerald (Tom Wilkinson I), awkward Lomper (Steve Huison), middle-aged Horse (Paul Barber), and dim Guy (Hugo Speer)—don't exactly fit the physical description of the "ideal" male stripper. But as a gimmick they can offer something that no Chippendales dancer can—the full monty, which is a British slang term for total nudity. Soon enough, they have forgotten about their shortcomings and are all determinedly training for the big event.

How does an average bloke learn to strip? It's an amazing amount of hard work, as the film shows. Lacking in some coordination and rhythm? They start with a viewing of *Flashdance* (Jennifer Beals apparently has poor welding technique, one says) and add on hours of practice. Clothes not coming off quite so smoothly? Just sew Velcro into pants seams for a quick tear off, like all of the Chippendales. Less than perfect body? If you wear a leather G-string, it draws attention away from the flaws and makes it all better. The strip "routines" are naturally the funniest and most entertaining parts of the movie, supported by a fitting soundtrack that boasts the likes of Hot Chocolate, Tom Jones, and Donna Summer. Whether sashaying along during a practice at the abandoned steel factory or just gyrating in the line at the unemployment office, the men prove that though they may not be the best strippers in the world, they can certainly make it as terrific (and daring, considering the partial nudity) comic actors.

The trials of these scrappy six in dealing with their new "occupation" are both hilarious and touching. Each of the men has his own share of problems in life that turns him to this resort. Stripping is never presented as the last and only possible option for them, but rather as a quick and seemingly simple way to solve some money shortages. Of course it isn't, but the relationship that grows out of the experience gives all of the men good times and an opportunity to escape from—and possibly solve—some of their problems (therein lies the shiny, happy part of the movie).

The overall tone of the film, though, is a feel-good one. It does not try to take any moral or ethical position on stripping or life; it just offers a lot of laughs. The film shows just enough about the lives of the main characters to give the viewer some compassion towards and understanding of their situations. Some characters have unexplained roles in the story (e.g., their motivation to strip), but any explanation probably would have drawn away from the relatively uncomplicated story and bred an overabundance of subplots.

So, for a good time, check out *The Full Monty*. And don't worry: the movie thankfully saves the viewer from experiencing the full monty—at least in the literal sense.



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Working-class, everyday blokes let it all hang out in *The Full Monty*.

a most unconventional perspective. Who said that down-on-their-luck individuals have to be females? The cast of the movie consists of six men. Looks and physique? It doesn't matter what a stripper looks like; it's what he does with his body that counts, claims one excited female fan after enjoying a local

his buds get back on the right track financially—a one-time only striptease before crowds of adoring women. He and his friend Dave (Mark Addy) assemble a group of other unemployed steelworkers and similarly unlucky men to help them in their pursuit of some quick cash. All they have to do is just take off

Corruption pervades Confidential

Movie Review  **Robert Coakley**
Staff Writer

L.A. CONFIDENTIAL
Mystery/thriller, Rated R

Distributed by:

Warner Brothers

Directed by:

Curtis Hanson

Starring:

Kevin Spacey
Russell Crowe
Guy Pearce II

Released

Friday, Sept. 19

Rating: 
(out of )

The mysterious allure of Hollywood and the gritty reality of Los Angeles collide in Curtis Hanson's *L.A. Confidential*, a new mystery in the style of *Chinatown*. Based on a 500-page novel written in 1990 by James Ellroy, the story is set in the corrupt side of post-war L.A. Fortunately, this tale of greed, corruption, and murder in 1950 California does not make the mistakes of *The Two Jakes* or

Mulholland Falls. Instead, it has the lost allure of a real pulp mystery, something only the Denzel Washington movie *Devil in a Blue Dress* came close to capturing.

With a melodramatic but catchy opening, *L.A. Confidential* introduces us to three very different L.A. police officers. Jack Vincennes (Kevin Spacey) is a Hollywood cop, helping out on a popular police show and getting



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Exley, White, and Vincennes: tough cops on a tough case.

payoffs from a tabloid to bust celebrities smoking pot. Bud White (Russell Crowe) is a cop who is willing to bend the rules to see justice served, while Ed Exley's (Guy Pearce) ambition is tempered with a desire to stay by the book. These three officers are drawn together to solve the mystery of a bloody shootout in a diner where an ex-cop was killed.

While Spacey is popular in the U.S. for his award-winning performances in *The Usual Suspects* and *Seven*, Crowe and Pearce are both better known in their native Australia. Crowe played a thug in *Romper Stomper* and a shy homosexual in *The Sum of Us*, while Pearce got his start as a cross-dresser in *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert*. All three actors bring solid work to solid characters. They are supported by James Cromwell as the chief of police, David Strathairn as a creepy millionaire, Danny DeVito as a tabloid reporter, and Kim Basinger as the femme fatale to whom both Ed and Bud find themselves attracted.

Curtis Hanson, who also directed *Hand That Rocks the Cradle* and *The River Wild*, constructs a world where nothing is what it seems on the surface, including the characters. Jack, Ed, and Bud all seem like basic ciphers at first, but as the story unfolds we see depth to them that is both inspiring and disturbing. The story itself unfolds at a brisk pace, even though some plot points are slightly hampered by flashbacks and exposition.

L.A. Confidential, despite its complex and engrossing mystery, also has a sly sense of humor and two complex gun battles on par with those created by Hong Kong legend John Woo. An impressive work by both cast and crew, *L.A. Confidential* may bring Hollywood back to its film noir roots as *Unforgiven* brought back the western.

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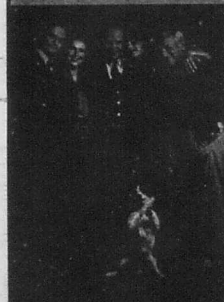
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Dennis Franz
NYPD Blue

Lead actress, drama series:
Gillian Anderson
The X-Files

Supporting actor,
drama series:
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Supporting actress,
drama series:
Kim Delaney
NYPD Blue

Best comedy series
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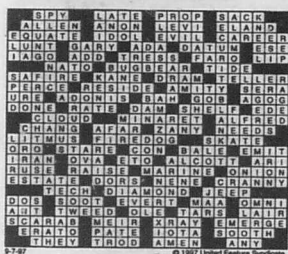
Many college grads will carry this with them for the rest of their lives:

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TIRUFY was FRUITY
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TSOMR was STORM
EVVEIR was REVIVE
HEALSTT was STEALTH
RDAFAI was AFRAID

And few things are more annoying to hear at 3 a.m. than a FIRE ALARM.

Last week's answers:



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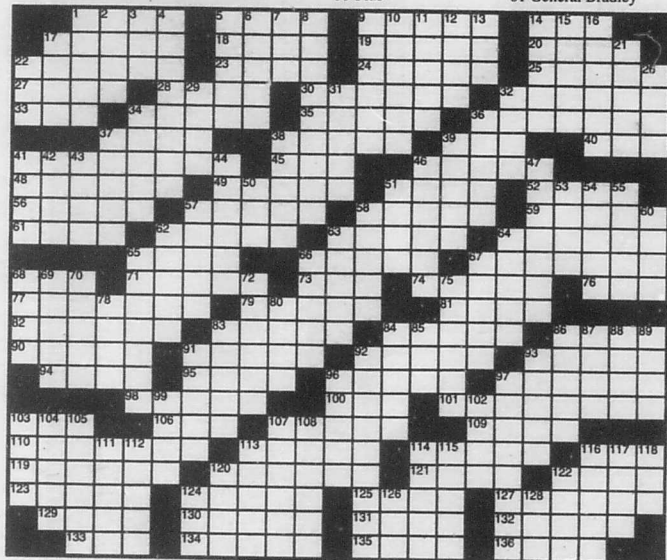
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- 19 French resort
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- 23 Comedian Johnson
- 24 Uptight
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- 27 Director Clair
- 28 South African money unit
- 30 Come into view
- 32 Like seawater
- 33 Plus
- 34 Squid
- 35 Hangman's knot
- 36 Type of dog
- 37 Obligation
- 38 Twenty
- 39 Ump's cousin
- 40 Nourished
- 41 Took to a higher court
- 45 Chum
- 46 Underworld
- 48 Unimportant term
- 49 "Carmen" or "Aida"
- 51 Ali —
- 52 Had bills
- 56 French painter Claude —
- 57 Unable to see
- 58 Deep pink
- 59 Did roadwork
- 61 General Bradley

- 62 — mignon
- 63 Vertically challenged
- 64 Printing goofs
- 65 It's a long story!
- 66 Famed violinmaker
- 67 Elate
- 68 19-Across, e.g.
- 71 Decorate
- 73 "—Boot"
- 74 Beer mug
- 76 Pitcher's stat
- 77 Patterned flooring
- 79 Chicago airport
- 81 "Do — others"
- 82 Here and there
- 83 Daring act
- 84 — Haute, Indiana
- 86 Remainder
- 90 Send payment
- 91 Mild cigar
- 92 Be generous
- 93 Dieter's dessert, perhaps
- 94 Stun
- 95 Trumpeter Al —
- 96 — blanché
- 97 Astronomer's concern
- 98 Prepared
- 100 Positive vote
- 101 Shorten
- 103 Coal scuttle
- 106 Bar order
- 107 Knight's weapon
- 109 Solemn promise
- 110 Monolithic pillar
- 113 Actress Bernhardt
- 114 Spanish friend
- 116 Brokaw or Selleck
- 119 Take back
- 120 Baby's toy
- 121 Soothing ointment
- 122 Bee's home
- 123 Actor's speech
- 124 Strong point
- 125 Actor Jannings
- 127 Weathermap line
- 129 German river
- 130 Avid
- 131 Soft Drink
- 132 Fend off

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- 2 Seep
- 3 Imitate
- 4 Apalling
- 5 Informal speech
- 6 Robust
- 7 River island
- 8 Depardieu/MacDowell film
- 9 Shooting star
- 10 Opposed to
- 11 Slight coloration
- 12 Facility
- 13 Washington bill
- 14 Of the Vatican
- 15 Elevate
- 16 Respite
- 17 Singer Campbell
- 21 Thick
- 22 Bikini top
- 26 Homeowner's document
- 29 Poker state
- 31 Money, slangily
- 32 Secure
- 34 Distributed
- 36 Olympics prize
- 37 Postpone
- 38 Used up
- 39 Capital of Morocco
- 41 Prefix for "sphere"
- 42 Formal dance
- 43 — colada
- 44 Type of diplomacy
- 46 Author Joel Chandler —
- 47 Singing voice
- 50 Mom's dessert?
- 51 Rancher's footwear
- 53 Hospital division
- 54 Avoid adroitly
- 55 Turn aside
- 57 Archie Bunker, for one
- 58 Pursuit
- 60 Actress Delany
- 62 Grew dimmer
- 63 Bright
- 64 The cream of the crop
- 65 Stroll
- 66 "A Bell for —"
- 67 Category
- 68 Practiced boxing
- 69 Peeled
- 70 Pleasant odor
- 72 — public
- 75 Tank top
- 78 Short test
- 80 Ache
- 83 Playground apparatus
- 84 — card monte
- 85 Have lunch
- 86 Attain
- 87 Actress Lanchester
- 88 Chair part
- 89 Ripped
- 91 Classroom item
- 92 "Smile!"
- 93 Common-interest group
- 96 Artificial waterway
- 97 Marshy ground
- 99 The Orient
- 102 Make muddy
- 103 Israeli dance
- 104 Chubby
- 105 Make a choice
- 107 The second of two
- 108 Blood vessel
- 111 Takes on cargo
- 112 Sluggish
- 113 Beetle Bailey's nemesis
- 114 Tolerate
- 115 Of the cheeks
- 116 Its capital is Lhasa
- 117 Like an egg
- 118 Mal de —
- 120 Wander about
- 122 Arizona Indian
- 124 Fixed charge
- 126 Do a gardening chore
- 128 Gender

THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD



Men's soccer tops NYU

Jeanine Columbo
Sports Editor

Wednesday night the men's soccer team traveled to face New York University. The Rangers jumped out to an early lead when junior Marvin Lopez, assisted by senior Pat Fannon, put the ball past the NYU keeper 10 minutes into the game.

With just over 20 minutes gone by in the half, senior co-captain Eric Aaronian added to the Ranger lead, scoring with an assist from junior Randy Holmeen.

Four minutes later Aaronian, this time assisted by freshman Chris Yager, scored again to give the Rangers a 3-0 lead. In the final minute of play in the first half, NYU finally broke through the Rangers' defense and scored, bringing the score to 3-1 at the break. The goal was the first Ranger defense has allowed this season.

Junior Pat O'Reilly, with an assist from senior Mark Dwyer, opened the second half scoring for the Rangers at the 33-minute mark.

Midway through the half sophomore Chad Bridges assisted Yager to increase the Rangers' lead to 5-1.

The final goal of the game came with just under 10 minutes left to play. Senior Jeff Patterson, assisted by junior Steve Marks, scored to increase the Ranger lead to 6-1. Coach Lenny Armuth was pleased with the way the team played during its first road game of the season. "It was nice for the guys to come up with a win on the road. [Playing on the road] is more difficult than playing at home where the team is more comfortable," he said.

The next game for the Rangers will be tomorrow at Delaware Valley University. This game will be the team's first Mid Atlantic Conference (MAC) game of the season. According to Aaronian, the contest "one of the most important games of our season."

"We set a lot of team goals [early in the season] including winning the MACs. In order to get an NCAA bid we need to win the conference. Because there aren't that many teams in the conference each [conference] game becomes that much more important," he said.

The Rangers' next home game is Wednesday night against cross-town rival Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Commercializing America's Pastime

Jamie Hayman
Staff Writer

I have an idea: let's take a trip out to California and go see baseball games at Anaheim Stadium, Jack Murphy Stadium (San Diego), Oakland Alameda County Coliseum, and Candlestick Park (San Francisco). *OOPS!* We can't, because as of next year, the Angels, Padres, A's, and Giants will be playing in Edison International Field of Anaheim, Qualcomm Stadium, UMAX Coliseum, and 3Com Park, respectively. But Giant fans shouldn't worry about that, because, in the year 2000, they will be playing in Pacific Bell Park.

Next year, two new teams will enter Major League Baseball. Arizona will play in BancOne Ballpark featuring not home runs, but BancOne blasts. Tampa Bay will play in the remodeled Thunderdome; whoops, I'm sorry, I mean Tropicana Field.

The Boston Celtics and Bruins moved from the Boston Garden to the Fleet Center. The Chicago Bulls moved from Chicago Stadium to the United Center. Here in New Jersey, the Brendan Byrne

Arena is now the Continental Airlines Arena. Rocky would not be fighting in the Spectrum anymore but rather the CoreStates Center.

We have entered a sad period of sports when corporations can buy almost anything they want. By the year 2000 no fewer than 23 stadiums and arenas, housing at least 33 professional sports teams, will have corporate names. Yes, I know that a goal scored at the Molson Center in Montreal is worth the same as one scored at the old Forum, but it takes away some of the intimacy of the game.

The Angels got \$50 million over 20 years to rename their stadium. But when you get down to it that is only \$2.5 million dollars a year. That can barely buy an aging free agent now, so by 2015 that will not even buy you a .250 hitter. It hardly seems worth selling out your name for a mediocre free agent.

Now that Candlestick Park is gone, what comes next? Dodger Stadium? Fenway Park? Yankee Stadium? How long will it be before the House that Ruth Built becomes the House The Wiz Built? And who knows what comes after stadium names? The Gap already has signs in half of the baseball left and right center field gaps in the

country. What sporting event doesn't have the Goodyear Blimp above it?

I fear the day, 20 years from now, when I take my child to a baseball game in Boston. The MetLife Blimp will be flying overhead, and we will get to Sam Adams Stadium early to get to the Pepsi Section and watch them roll the Toyota Tarp off the field. We will get to see the players come out of the Dunkin' Donuts Dugout and warm up in the Ocean Spray On-deck Circle. The pitcher, who is coming off the Tylenol Disabled List, will try to get the Bell Atlantic Baseball over the Hitachi Home Plate. He should be pretty good because he is second in the league in Speedy Muffler Strikeouts, while he has only given up 30 Wall Street Journal Walks.

Then there is the young hitter for the Red Sox who hits for the cycle: a Sears Single, a Delta Double, a Texaco Triple, and a John Hancock Home Run, over the Mountain Dew Monster, off the left field Ford Foul Pole. And who knows what advertisements will be on their uniforms?

By the way, does anyone know who actually plays in Alltel Stadium?

X-Country improving

Amy Yang
Staff Writer

The Drew cross country team is focusing its new running strategy on working longer, harder, and faster. If last Saturday's meet is any indication of the effectiveness of this strategy, then by all means they should stick with it.

At the Lebanon Valley College Invitational, the men's came in third in its conference and 10th in the meet overall. This performance is an improvement from last year's 13th place standing and marked the best Ranger finish at this meet in many years, keeping the Rangers right on track for their goal to be in the top ten in every race regardless of size. As it was, the men held their own by ranking among the best teams in the conference.

Improvement was also in order for the women's team, which ran faster times than the last meet and on the whole ran very competitively.

Junior Kevin Purcell led the men's team with his 14th place finish out of 260 runners. Senior Rob Davis came

in 25th in the meet. Senior Eric Wolff and sophomore Ed Juarez followed Davis with their times of 29:34 and 29:53. Sophomore Chris Zuck also bounced back from an injury last week with his time of 30:27. Juniors Amitav Sen and Niles Drake came in next with close times of 31:13 and 31:29.

The women's team did not fare quite as well but remained very aggressive. Despite missing their top runner Kelly Flood, the Rangers improved on previous times. Sophomore Hiroko Nagumo led the women with her time of 23:23, followed soon after by junior Maura DiFilippo's 23:51.

Other times included freshman Megan Cordes' solid 25:04 pace. Senior Kate Cyr and junior Allison Accettola were in a tight group with their respective times of 26:11 and 26:46.

The next major meet for the cross country team is Oct. 4. They have high hopes for winning it, especially since the meet is on Drew terrain.

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Women's soccer battles to deadlock, moves to 10th in rankings

Jeremy Maisto
Staff Writer

The women's soccer team has rocketed into the top 10 in the nation, despite being unable to break a deadlock against Elizabethtown College last Saturday.

The Rangers, 4-0 before last week's encounter, had just been nationally ranked (at 22nd) for the first time in their history. Now, they are tied for the 10th spot in the NCAA Division III and are also second in the newly-established Metro region.

Last Saturday's game against Elizabethtown was arguably their toughest of the season, barring any postseason play.

The Rangers were understandably cautious at the start of play, with only one victory in 10 games against their opponents. Elizabethtown, who was five places above Drew (but is now three behind), took what appeared to be the initiative in a scrappy first half, but neither team looked close to scoring.

Drew was overly defensive, and its attack consisted of long balls and unsuccessful breakaways. Despite a more positive second half performance, Drew was unable to take advantage of some good opportunities and the game went into overtime. The Rangers increased the pressure further but again could not capitalize. The game finally ended in a scoreless

draw after 120 minutes of frustrating play for both teams.

Coach Christa Racine hinted at Drew's sluggishness in the first half by acknowledging that a tie seemed like a good result before the encounter. By the end of the game, however, she said she was disappointed not to have come away with a win, since Drew had several good chances to score.

Senior co-captain Alissa Drasch admitted that Drew had begun the game afraid of losing. Still, she insisted that the team had learned from the game and would be more positive in the future, irrespective of their opponents.

The game highlighted the Rangers' impeccable defense, with junior Xan Hast and senior Heather Hemmer squashing Elizabethtown's hopes of scoring. Freshman goalkeeper Katie Woods also put in a solid performance.

The front line, on the other hand, will need a little more bite if Drew wishes to maintain its top 10 spot and reach the NCAA finals this fall. Drasch, playing in midfield, has been taking much of the initiative with the attacking play, but no big goal scorer has emerged among the forwards so far this season.

The Rangers' next game is tomorrow night against Wilkes University. Going into the game, the Rangers boast a 9-1 record against Wilkes, including five shutouts. The game starts at 7 p.m. on the turf.



STEVE GARZA

The strong play of the Rangers has moved them into the national ranking for the first time in their history.

Women's tennis 2-1 on week

Matthew Christian
Staff Writer

The women's tennis team is continuing its strong performance early in the season. Last Saturday the Rangers traveled to Wilkes University and made short work of the opposition, defeating them 8-1.

The women were back at it Sunday, traveling to New York to play SUNY-New Paltz. Again the team dominated, beating New Paltz by a score of 7-2. Unfortunately for the Rangers, their momentum was stopped by very strong play from Vassar College Wednesday afternoon when the women were shut out 0-9.

In the match against Wilkes, the Rangers showed strong play by both singles and doubles players. The first through fifth singles players all won in straight sets, the only loss of the day being the sixth singles match. The victors of the day were sophomore Brecken Durham at 6-1, 6-3; junior Mindy Romeo at 6-1, 6-0; junior Melissa Tooley at 6-2, 6-1; freshman Amy Yang at 6-3, 6-2; and freshman Amy McNeece at 6-1, 7-5. The loss came in sixth singles with junior Meera Desai losing 2-6, 2-6.

In doubles action, all of the Rangers won easy victories. The team of Durham and Romeo shut out Wilkes 6-0, 6-0, the team of Yang

and McNeece won 6-0, 6-2, and the third doubles team Tooley and Desai won 6-4, 6-2.

Sunday, the singles players dominated, winning every one of their matches. The scores were Durham at 3-6, 6-1, 6-2; Romeo at 6-1, 6-2; Morello at 6-4, 6-2; Tooley at 6-4, 6-0; Yang at 6-1, 6-3, and McNeece at 6-4, 6-4.

Since the match was already decided, the doubles teams played only a championship set with the winner reaching eight games first. The duo of Durham/Romeo won 8-3, but second and third doubles lost. Team Yang and McNeece lost 4-8 and so did the freshman team of Natalie Phillips-Hamblett and Karen Said at 6-8.

The match against Vassar was a tough loss for the team Wednesday night. Even with a disappointing loss, Romeo remains positive. "Their players were really good. However, they're not in our conference anyway. So it doesn't really matter," she said. Overall, the Drew tennis team is looking good as it turns the corner into the second half of the season.

Although the upcoming matches might not be as easy as the ones over the weekend, Romeo feels that the team should do very well and that the only tough match will be against the University of Scranton coming up Oct. 8.

Field hockey suffers first loss of season

Daniel Jamieson
Staff Writer

The Ranger field hockey squad suffered its first setback of the young season with a 4-1 loss Tuesday night against The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) at home. The loss dropped Drew's record to 3-1, while TCNJ maintained its perfect record as well as its number one national ranking with the victory.

A near capacity crowd showed up to watch the Rangers gun for the upset of mighty TCNJ. Both teams entered the contest with 3-0 records. Unfortunately the Ranger hopefuls were quieted early when TCNJ scored with over 28:00 to play in the first half. TCNJ proceeded to score three more unanswered goals, taking a 4-0 lead to the locker room at halftime.

Things looked bleak for the strugg-

ling, and noticeably frustrated Rangers. Still, they refused to give up just yet.

In the second half, play began turning to Drew's favor. Inspired by excellent play in the back from junior goalkeeper Allison Johnson, as well as defenders sophomore Heather-Lyn Mennis and junior Kate Chapman, the Rangers went on the attack against the seemingly impenetrable TCNJ defense.

Their determination paid off when they won a penalty stroke chance that was put home by Monica Bradley for her third goal of the year, cutting the lead to 4-1.

The Rangers played their hearts out for the remainder of the match. Although the game ended at 4-1, the final score was not indicative of how well the Rangers truly played.

Mennis a star defender, who played

extraordinarily well in the back despite the losing effort, was disappointed about the loss but continued to stress the positives that resulted from playing a team at the high caliber of TCNJ. "We are not embarrassed about the way we played. I feel that we held our own [in the match]," Mennis said of the Rangers' performance. She added that by playing in a game such as this the team must "turn it into a learning experience."

The Rangers hope that they will be able to apply what they have learned to Springfield, their match tomorrow. "It is going to be our second-toughest game," Mennis said of the match. She believes the team will be up to the challenge on the road. "I have a lot of confidence in this team. I know we have a lot of potential. We have every reason to be optimistic for the rest of the season."